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Alger Fitch, Minister

Mission Churches

Does it pay to back the mission churches with our prayers, encouragement, financial aid, etc? By its fruits ye shall know!

Look for a moment at Exhibit A — The Church of Christ of Milwaukie. In December of 1940 it was a Bible school with the total attendance of two boys and their teachers. By June of 1942 it had been organized into a church of nineteen members by the State Evangelist, B. Ross Evans.

Because of a will to work sacrificially, we may witness a few results of their labors today. Clyde R. Freeman, our evangelist at Stayton, and George M. Knox, our preacher at Sisters, have been ordained to the ministry from this congregation. A house of worship is being erected, which shows advancement weekly. The attendance continually is increasing (with a Sunday average of 140 A. M., 65 P. M.). The last six months, (July through December) have seen forty-eight persons enter the fellowship of the church and January is very promising.

Does it pay to start new churches? Do the converts grow spiritually as well as numerically? Come out some prayer-meeting night, when there is a blizzard, and judge for yourself by the number present and the depth of the prayers offered by the group on their knees.

Travis Speaks

The January rally of the Northwest District was held at St. Johns on the 23rd with a "full house" in attendance on a stormy night. The unexpected turn-out in such weather found St. Johns ladies hard put to find food for all and some guests had to rustle for themselves in nearby restaurants. Truly this is a fine testimony for the interest in Christian work during a period in which many other public meetings were cancelled because of the weather.

We were not privileged to be in the meeting because of a Ninety and Nine gathering at Enterprise on that same night, but fine reports were made by those who heard Mr. Paul Travis in an illustrated lecture on conditions in the Pacific and the Orient. Gene Chamberlain led singing, accompanied by Mrs. Chamberlain. Bill Bish of the St. Johns church sang a humorous solo in honor of the doctors present. The March rally will be held in the Portland First Christian Church.— E. P. D.

Japan's New Missionaries

Recent letters from Adele Bowers and the Kamikawas contain interesting information about Japan and her people. Upon their arrival in Tokyo, December 17, they were met at the dock by Mr. and Mrs. Hal Shorrock and Margaret Lawrence. After being checked through the customs office, they made their way through the narrow crowded streets to the Mission. "All except the main streets of this part of the world are little more than wide enough for an automobile. If one were to meet another vehicle, someone would have to back to an intersection." They saw many things which told of the destructiveness of bombs. "Many small homes and frame buildings have been built to cover most of the area, but there are still standing many smokestacks, walls of masonry and occasionally, concrete floors. Gardens have been planted in all available places. "

On their first evening in Japan, they were entertained with a welcoming party at one of the Mission schools where they were introduced to one of the common dishes — Sukyadi. It is prepared over charcoal burners on tables and consists of finely sliced beef, and various vegetables such as onions, bean sprouts, etc. After the meal they played games which everybody enjoyed in spite of the fact that everything was in Japanese excepting two group songs in English. "These people have a knack for enjoying games we Americans think we outgrow when we get into high school."

Adele in describing their first church service says: "Upon arrival at the church, we were introduced to some of the people and acknowledged the introduction with a deep bow so common with these people. Then we took off our shoes, put on slippers and went into the church. (Imagine your own church buildings without heat. You can know why we wear several pairs of hose and take our own warm slippers to church to keep from being so cold.) Although the service was in Japanese, it was fairly easy to worship. They stand to sing every hymn and all the stanzas are sung, ending with an 'Amen!' And they really sing!" They attended a Christmas concert participated in by three choirs of the Nippon Philharmonic Orchestra that presented the "Messiah" in English. "It was an excellent production, every bit as brilliant as any we have heard in the States. The choir of approximately 175 voices stood through the entire production; their annunciation was clear; the soloists well trained."

Nearly everything is available in Japan if one has the price to pay. Food furniture, clothing is there in abundance but are priced too high for the average Japanese.

After visiting the hospital, Adele was impressed with the fact that the equipment looks as if it has been in use fifty years. "I was introduced to the staff and they all seemed glad to see me. How I wish I could speak more Japanese so I could get to work with them!" In addition to her work in the hospital, Adele will be teaching English classes. She expressed great appreciation for everything the churches of Oregon did for her.

Missionaries Finding New Fields

"All things work together for them that Love God." Wm. O. Rees and Melba Palmer Rees, after months of uncertainty as to a location for work in China, in an altitude suited to Melba's health, and finally forced to leave by the turn in China's political fortunes, are now in South Africa. Other missionaries have not been permitted to go into South Africa, but the Reeses found little difficulty, since he is from the British related commonwealth of Canada.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Calloway, who had a very similar experience in being unable to establish a settled work in Burma or China, due to political conditions, are now living in the outskirts of Bangkok, Thailand. Miss Imogene Williams, who is with them, writes that they had hoped to be able to work among the tribal people in northern Thailand, but find it still impossible to go north. They have been invited to work with some Church of Christ missionaries from England, Dr. and Mrs. Percy Clark and Miss Esther Halliday. They have "quite an extensive work, including a small hospital, two schools, and two chapels—one for Chinese and one for Thai." Due to ill health, these missionaries may soon have to return to England, and are much concerned about the future of their work, "as no new recruits are expected from England." They have been in this work for about 40 years. —J. F. C.

Inter-Valley Churches Visited

A series of three local meetings sponsored by the Inter-Valley District of the Ninety and Nine Men were held in January. The first was at Enterprise on the 23rd with the ladies present as guests. Because of winter weather Carl Moon, vice-president of the Eastern Area, was unable to attend and later in the week word came of the death of his father, longtime member of the Milton church. District president, Harry Burgen, was also prevented from attending because of the weather and his work, but Joe Jewitt, pastor-advisor for the Area proved a capable chauffeur and team-mate. He gave a word of greeting and presented your reporter for a talk on the camp work and evangelistic projects. The meeting was dismissed with prayer by Lyle Haines, local pastor, after which the ladies served sandwiches, pie, and coffee as a near blizzard whipped up outside.

Weather conditions improved on the 24th for a visit to Halfway with J. B. McDowell and Bill Tebeau of the Baker church joining the team. Again the ladies shared in the meeting as Eldon Wiidanen, host pastor, presided over the program. Bill Tebeau played two trumpet soloes, accompanied by Mrs. Wiidanen, after an opening song service. Joe Jewitt announced the district rally scheduled at Baker on Feb. 6 and presented the writer for the talk on state work. The men proved to be good cooks as they served chili, pie, and cake at the close of the evening.

The regular monthly meeting of the La Grande Ninety and Nine on the 25th completed the circle and a fine fellowship was enjoyed there. Set-up meetings for the Cove camps and the Eastern Oregon convention on Thursday and Friday concluded the tour, thence back to Portland for some real winter weather. —E. P. D.

Northwest Christian Home

"The winter of the big snow" in January, 1950 will be long remembered by the family at the Home for several reasons. Our snowbound condition prevented many from visiting the Home and our folks, being friendly, missed that contact and fellowship. The telephone, however, has been kept busy and the mail has come through regularly, bringing personal notes and some remittances from churches.

Miss Phillips

Due to the severity of the weather, the consumption of furnace oil has been great, as it has in other places, and the cost of keeping warm this month has taken wings and gone a-soaring. However, the family has come through in good health with a minimum of colds and other illness. Mrs. Roth, Mrs. Keiler and Mrs. Newbill are down quite a bit of the time.

Over 2500 copies of the "Visitor", full of interesting bits of Home news and pictures, were mailed out in January. The folding was done by several members of the family and staff, and the addressing was done on the Addressing Machine owned by Kern Park Church. The next issue should be out in April.

We now have a new cook in the person of Mrs. Nettie Thomas of Oregon City, replacing Mrs. Cristop, who has been ill. The Superintendent, Miss Phillips and the field representative, Ray Smith, expect to leave the early part of February for St. Louis, Missouri, where they will attend the Annual Staff conference of NBA workers. While in the East, they also plan to visit Mrs. Hill and the new Lenoir Memorial Home at Columbia, Missouri and the Colorado Children's Home in Denver. Dr. J. Eric Carlson, general secretary of the National Benevolent Association, will be in Oregon for a few days starting February 19 in the interest of Benevolence and the Crusade. He will spend time at Northwest Christian College in conferences with student pastors and also speak in several churches.

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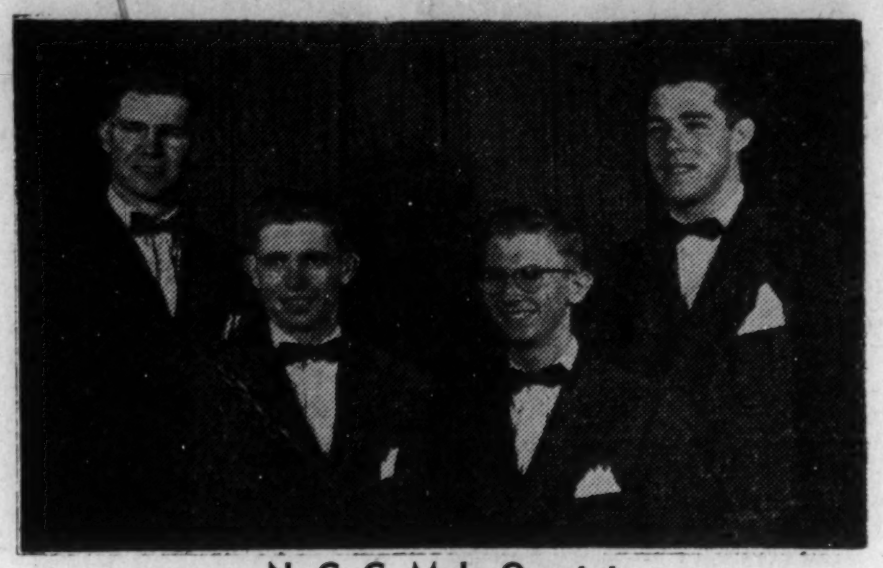
The State Secretary-Director's Diary

We have been able to get around a little even though the entire month has been very bad for travel. I preached at Carlton and attended their annual church business meeting, then went to Amity and preached at the evening service. Attended the annual church meeting at Yamhill and preached at the morning service. Took charge of a mid-week Bible study at Seaside and attended a church business meeting. Awarded pins to 51 having a perfect attendance at the Kern Park Bible School, brought the morning sermon and spoke at the Workers Conference. Brought the Morning message at Parkrose. Brought the morning message at Nyssa and was the guest speaker at Weiser, Idaho 5th Sunday for the five churches of the area. While waiting for a train I visited the church at Ontario and spoke to two youth groups. I attended the four Northwest Secretaries meeting in Spokane and enjoyed a grand day of fellowship at the Moseley home. Attended the luncheon meeting concerning the International Christian University in Tokyo, the West Oregon Young People's Conference set up meeting in Salem, the East Oregon convention and summer camp set up meeting in La Grande, the Southern Oregon Young People's Conference and Pioneer Camp set up in Roseburg. I visited with the Jewetts at Baker and the Ryans at Junction City. Other meetings attended were: the State Youth Committee, State Board meeting, Crusade Committee, Portland Ministers and the Board of Managers meeting of the Portland Council of Churches, two meetings of the Program Committee of State Convention and attended the State Pastor's Conference at Forest Grove. There were two added by statement. Spent 12 days in the office, there were 14 office conferences. I traveled 2,562 miles. 845 letters were mailed through the office.

New Missionaries In Jansi, U. P., India

Mr. and Mrs. Kent Bates arrived late in December, at Jansi, United Provinces, India, to take up their work along with O. D. Johnson, in the Christian Missionary Fellowship. The mission is buying a substantial property from the British Methodist Mission. $4000.00 are needed to complete payments on this property.

O. D. Johnson is in the States, and plans to be in Oregon during the month of February. Communications and Funds should be sent to O. D. Johnson, 501 Shukert Building, 1115 Grand Avenue, Kansas City 6, Missouri. —J. F. C.



N. C. C. Male Quartet

The Northwest Christian College Male Quartet this year is composed of Leighton D. Weddle, First Tenor, Freshman from Jefferson, Ore.; James E. Piper, Second Tenor, Freshman from Grants Pass, Ore.; William Mumback, Baritone, Sophomore from First Christian Church, Medford, Ore.; Gerald A. Van Dorn, Bass, Freshman from University Christian Church, Seattle, Wn.

In accordance with established practices, this Male Quartet will appear on State Convention programs throughout the Northwest. They will also sing for many county, district and area conventions and will appear in as many individual congregations as time will permit.

Two members of the N.C.C. Quartet are sons of ministers who are in the N.C.C. Alumni group: Gerry Van Dorn and Jim Piper. Oregon should be a bit proud of the fact that three members of the Quartet are Oregonians. All are preparing for some area of full time employed Christian service.

In Appreciation

Brother Swander continued the editorship of the Oregon Christian for over a year after his retirement from office. He has been anxious to do everything in his power to make the work of state missions succeed under its new leadership. Beginning with the February issue the office has taken over the full responsibility of editing our state paper. One of the reasons the board had in mind, when it employed a fulltime office secretary, was that she take over the responsibility of editing the Oregon Christian with the help of the State Secretary when he was in the office. "Pop", we do appreciate this extra service you have given us. We say, "Thank you".

Now to the churches, be sure and send all your news items to the state office, furthermore, news must be in our hands by the **first day of each month** if it is to be printed. News carried over a month is not of much value. By your cooperation we can continue to make the Oregon Christian express the voice of our state. —C. H. A.

Dates To Remember

Northwest Preacher's Parliament in Eugene, April 25-27.
Religious Education Practicum Northwest Christian College, April 29 - May 13.
State Christian Endeavor Convention Portland April 28-30.
District Conventions:
Central Oregon, Powell Butte, April 30
Eastern Oregon, Baker, May 2-3
Mid-Columbia, May 7 (?)
Lane County, May 8 or 15 (?)
Willamette, May 9
Northwest, Gladstone, May 12
Coos and Douglas Counties, May 17
Southern Oregon, May 19
Northwest Christian College Commencement Week, June 4-6.
East Oregon Girls Camp, Cove, June 18-24.
State Convention Turner, June 26-July 2.
West Oregon Young People's Conference, Turner, July 2-9.
Turner Pioneer Camp, Intermediate age, July 9-16.
Rural Life Conference, Corvallis July 11-15.
Turner Girls' Camp, July 16-22.
East Oregon Adult Conference, Cove, July 17-22.
Turner Boys' Camp, July 23-29.
East Oregon Poineer Camp for Intermediate age, Cove, July 23-30.
East Oregon Boys' Camp, Cove, August 6-12.
Southern Oregon Young People's Conference and Pioneer Camp, Grayback, August 6-12.
Southern Oregon Boys' Camp, Grayback, August 13-19.

Missionary To Korea In Oregon

John T. Chase, founder of the Korean Christian Mission has been in Oregon, visiting the churches in behalf of his campaign to raise $50,000 for church buildings in Korea. The work in Korea has been marked with outstanding evangelistic results — 488 baptisms and a large number of new congregations organized during the past year. These churches, some 30 in number, all told, are mostly meeting in small, poorly constructed, inadequate buildings. Brother Chase declares that they can be housed in substantial and commodious buildings, for $3,500, each; hence, his campaign to raise $50,000.

Places visited by Mr. Chase were Portland Central Christian Church, Oregon City, Northwest Christian College and the Yamhill Fifth Sunday Rally at McMinnville. He will return to Oregon around March 10, when he will participate in a Missionary Conference in Eugene. Communications or gifts can be sent to him, at Box 587, Hyde Park, P. O., Los Angeles 43, California; or c/o Roy P. Slifer, Box 55, Station V. Cincinnati 10, Ohio.

Brother and Sister John T. Hill are carrying on Korea; but are eager for the Chases to rejoin them at the earliest possible date. Brother Chase says they will be going as soon as the fund of $50,000 has been completed. At present time, the amount on hand totals something more than $38,000. —J. Frank Cunningham.

Finance Committee

With the population increasing so rapidly that Oregon has become the fastest growing state in the nation, the necessity for studying our program of state missions in the light of changed conditions becomes imperative. Our state office has always been overburdened and limited in funds and personnel. It is obvious that we cannot take full advantage of the opportunities that are ours by reason of the 59.3% increase in the population of our state with a prewar program for state missions. While the state has been experiencing this phenominal growth of nearly sixty per cent, the protestant churches of Oregon have gained only about ten per cent in membership. We must lift our vision and increase our tempo if we are to do our share in evangelizing this state.

H. C. Olds, Chairman

We can only expand our work in the state as we increase our giving to state missions. The definite requirements of our state plans and needs as voted by our state convention at Turner necessitates contributions on the basis of at least One Dollar per member from our churches. We are striving to establish at least two new churches a year and are making progress in this direction although by no means as much as we should. We need to improve and expand our efforts in the field of Christian Education. We should strive to strengthen the programs in the small towns and rural churches, assisting in developing a strong rural ministry. We need also to improve the grounds at Turner. These historic grounds are precious in the life of our work in Oregon. A number of improvements have been made the last few years, but others are badly needed.

Each church in our state should be challenged to assume her share in this program of expansion and make it an experience of sharing together in common task. It can be done. In unity there is strength, so let us unite our efforts for the cause of Christ in Oregon.

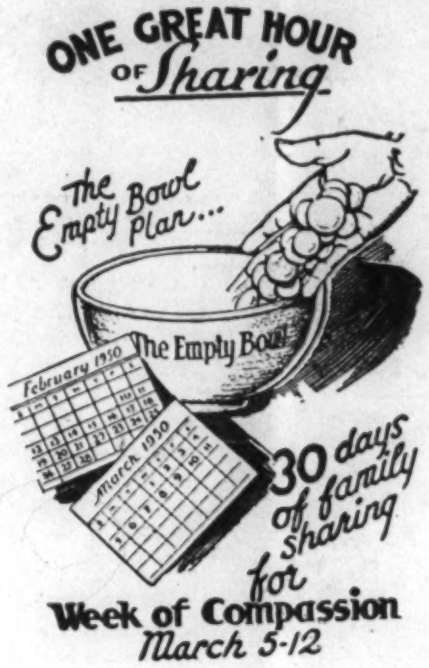
Baker

Additions for the year of 1949 were 22 by confession and baptism and forty-two by statement or letter to make a total of 64. We have installed a new propane gas heating system throughout the church. Have made a sound proof room with loud speaker for mothers and babies. There have been 5 baptisms during the month of January. Joe Jewett, pastor.

Crusade News

India's Displaced Persons

Week of Compassion funds have been used to feed and provide medical care for many of India's displaced persons. Pictured here are refugees lined up at registration office at a camp in Kurikshetra, East Punjab, after announcement that a train would be organized to take them to places where they could settle permanently. These people are part of eight million Indians who have been fleeing religious warfare since division of India and Pakistan.



$1,500,000
One Great Hour of Sharing, March 12
climax of
Week of Compassion,
March 5 - 12

"Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ."

As this issue of The Oregon Christian goes into the homes of our state, churches are well along with their plans for trebling their former offerings in the Week of Compassion, March 5-12. The climatic hour of the month of preparation and the Week will be at the morning hour of worship on Sunday, March 12 — THE ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING.

The pictures on this page illustrate some of the service to a needy humanity which has been rendered through former Week of Compassion offerings.
Our offerings this year will multiply such services a thousand fold.

"Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ."

AT THE FRONTIER BETWEEN EAST AND WEST GERMANY
Week of Compassion funds have been used to give shelter and medical care to such unfortunate people as this sixty-seven year old man who was traveling from East Prussia to relatives near Dusseldorf.

NAKANO CHURCH KINDERGARTEN, TOKYO, JAPAN
Week of Compassion funds will provide rehabilitation of some of our Japanese church properties destroyed in the war.

The Third Year Crusade The Last Year
FOR A CHRISTIAN WORLD

Kenneth Johnston, Director

The State Chairman Speaks

An Old Story

We read in Matthew 9:36, "But when He saw the multitudes He was moved with compassion for them, because they were distressed and scattered as sheep not having a shepherd."

We are once again looking forward to **Compassion Week.** It is possible that there may be some who will feel that inasmuch as they have shared in this cause for the past several years that they have done their part. But the yardstick of compassion never measures what we have done, but in the face of human need it is — how much more can I do? It is timely that our Oregon churches begin asking themselves the question, **how much can we do to show a Christ-like compassion to suffering humanity?**

Opportunity

The need for compassion is always with us. It is as old as the history of mankind. But it seems that our day presents unprecedented needs. We may either look upon these needs as problems or we may see them as opportunities for service in the name of Christ! I believe that you prefer, even as I do, the latter view. God may never give us another opportunity like the present hour to prove how much we love our fellowman. The hour for compassion is **NOW!**

We Can

In the face of many demands we are forced as churches and individuals to discriminate between what we consider the more or less important., Between what we can afford and what we cannot afford. But when it comes to providing a loaf of bread and a glass of milk to starving bodies, shelter for the homeless, and medicine for the sick; then there is little room for discrimination. There are none of us but who are rich in worldly goods compared to those who are depending on us for life! Therefore, we can do something!

We Must

We are called upon to make our Compassion offering three times that of last year. That is to meet the goal of $1,500,000.00. Last year this money was used for Church World Service. This year churches have the privilege of designating their gifts to any cause within the Crusade. Therefore, we not only give to the physically destitute through Church World Service but also to the spiritually destitute through the Crusade. This means better facilities for our Bible colleges, more new churches, more missionaries, more souls saved, more Christian homes.

Our compassion will mean more of Christ for more people on a wider front than ever before. Therefore, we will be worthy of the opportunity and challenge of the hour. Not because some individual or group has asked us to be generous, but because a crucified Saviour has said, "inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me." The love of Christ, plus the physically and spiritually destitute, constrains us to have a worthy share in the Week of compassion, March 5 to 12.

Helping Our Church Families

Churches are becoming more conscious of the need for helping family life. And well they should; for to a great degree the effectiveness of the church in the development of Christian character will depend upon its cultivation of the Christian family life of its members. No church member can be as effective a Christian worker as he could be if his family life is not rich in Christian experience.

Many churches are not doing what they should in the development of Christian family living. In some cases it may be that they do not know what should be done. Here are a few suggestions:

Lawrence Bixler

(1) Encourage family devotions. Suggest from the pulpit and through the church bulletin that the families offer grace at the table and read from the Bible at least once a day. It is also helpful to suggest devotional helps, such as "Upper Room".

(2) Suggest and make available good literature in the field of family life. Any publishing house or book store could suggest some good books which deal with various phases of family life. Magazines such as "Hearthstone" and "Christian Home Life" should not be overlooked.

(3) Several churches have already been encouraging "family night" each week. No church meetings are scheduled for this night. Every family in the church is encouraged to spend the evening together. A wide variety of things could be done in which the whole family and only the family participates. It can be delightful as well as helpful. Kiddies will learn to look forward to "family night".

(4) Encourage discussion groups on family life and problems. The informal type of discussion is the most profitable. It does parents good to get together and "let their hair down". It will release many of the tensions that are working havoc in family life today.

(5) Every minister of the Word should touch on family life either through special sermons or suggestions in sermons. This will create interest in Christian living in the home and direct people to a proper source of help.

(6) Special classes may be offered in building Christian families. It is probably best in the case of young adults to give a quarter in our Bible School curriculum to a study of family life. A good study booklet is, Sly, **"Toward a Christian Home"** (Christian Board).

(7) Set aside May 7 - 14 as "family week". This should be one of the "high-lights" in the church calendar. Start early and make plans for a great week.

Week Of Compassion And Crusade Credit

DO YOU KNOW THAT:

1. The Week of Compassion goal is $1,500,000.00?
2. The first $250,000.00 goes to Church World Service, and the balance to the Crusade?
3. All Week of Compassion gifts apply on Crusade goals?
4. You may designate your Week of Compassion gift to any cause within the Crusade and receive full credit? If you prefer, you may send your gift direct, but be sure to mark it **Week of Compassion for the Crusade.**
5. The date is March 5 to 12?
6. Any church may have a special speaker for Week of Compassion meetings if they ask **early?**

You Can Count On Us

Your state chairman has been greatly encouraged by recent statements of Oregon pastors and church leaders. They have said in effect, of their respective congregations, "You can count on us to come through for the Crusade!" Some of these churches have been slow to start on their financial goals but now they are making a special effort to meet this responsibility. And we are counting, not only on these, but also on all our Oregon churches to come through as Crusading Churches in this great cause for Christ!

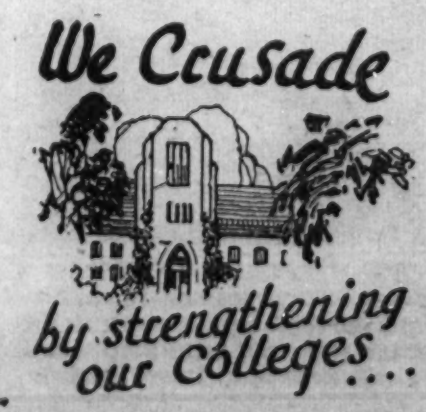
Ross J. Griffeth

The Crusade And N. C. C.

Dr. Ross J. Griffeth, President of Northwest Christian College, in his semi-annual report to the Board of Trustees of the College, pointed out that as a result of receipts from A Crusade for a Christian World, it has been possible to buy a residence house for young men of the College, this new house being called Crusader House.

As a result of adding Crusade House to the properties of Northwest Christian College, Mrs. Guy Barton has been installed to supervise the boys of Crusader and Hoven Houses, thus adding much to the congenial surroundings and providing for additional facilities to help the boys meet their personal problems. Crusader House represents an investment of some twenty thousand dollars of Crusade money.

Additional receipts from the Crusade made it possible for the N.C.C. Board of Trustees to take official action authorizing the removal of Chapman Hall and the erection of the first unit of the new Women's Dormitory. The completion of this new structure depends upon the success of the Crusade during the next few months. This first dormitory unit, according to the estimate of Mr. Glenn Stanton, Architect, will be about $148,000.00.



Southern District Meets

The Medford First Christian Church was host to the Ninety and Nine Men of the Southern District on January 30. A fine group was in attendance despite the wintry weather and certainly found the coming worthwhile. The Medford ladies provided a repast to warm the inner man and the program committee saw to his entertainment with vocal soloes by Miss Frances Thrum, violin soloes by Mr. Wilson (both accompanied by Mrs. H. E. Marsh) and the "Weaning of the Spotted Calf" by Holly Jarvis, host pastor.

LaVerne Munt, district president, conducted the business meeting in which reports were made concerning the 1949 Grayback Boys' Camp, district officers were re-elected for a second term, and approval given to the sponsorship of the 1950 Boys' Camp. Also, a district goal of $100 for the state program of the Ninety and Nine was approved with offerings of $27 turned in to get the budget started off in good style. A talk on the state projects was given by Ed Dewees. W. C. Piper pronounced the benediction. The next rally is scheduled for April 24 at Ashland.— E. P. D.

Portland Central

Central Christian Church, Portland, Oregon, closed its year with 155 additions (56 of whom were baptisms); 5 Life Work Recruits; a morning average of 418; Sunday evening of 212; and Prayer Meeting, 133; Bible School, 311; $6,420.32 was expanded on Missions and over $1,000 remains in the Missionary Treasury.

In the snow-bound month of January our evening average dropped to 166, and Prayer meeting to 74, while the morning attendances and Bible School held up credibly. There were 12 additions in January.

John T. Chase of Korea brought a recent missionary message and the Chandlers from Ketchikan are temporarily in Portland.

A $5,000 landscaping project is under way which calls for the grading and erection of a rock wall along 500 feet of our property, and the resurfacing of the parking lot.

Prayers Forgotten

Louis L. Decker

When war was raging over-seas,
The Lord heard many prayers like these:
"O God, please send us safely home,
And from your path we'll never roam;

"Dear Father, only give us peace;
And from your work we'll never cease;"
"When bombers never raid at night;
We'll worship you with all our might."

"From foemen's feet pleasure spare our shores;
And there shall be no future wars;"
"Well love our brothers everywhere;
And always trust your loving care;"

Now God looks down on empty pews,
While commentators in the news
Say war is coming once again;
(For other lands have evil men).

God sees mankind on pleasures bent;
Notes small amounts for worship spent;
Reads pledges made ere war was done;
Writes question marks beside each one.

—Nebraska Christian

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DISCIPLES OF CHRIST 1948-1950

The Crusade And Evangelism

One of the contributions the Crusade for a Christian World has made to the cause of Christ is in the field of evangelism. From every part of our country come reports of a renewed interest in evangelism. Not only is there an interest, but results tell the story of successful efforts. From January 1 until Easter is one of the most opportune times of the year for evangelism. The committee on evangelism of the Home and State Missions Planning Council has prepared a packet of suggestions that can be obtained from the state office free of charge. The Home and State Missions Planning Council is composed of State Secretaries, evangelists, pastors, college men and representatives from the Department of Church Development of Evangelism of the United Society. One of these packets represents a cross section of the thinking and experience of our brotherhood life. Whether you choose to use one of the packets or not is up to you. But the question evangelism can not be set aside so lightly. For we are under the Commission of Christ to "Go tell". Oregon has not reached its goal in baptisms and transfers set by ourselves in this Crusade. Some said at the beginning the goals in evangelism were too low, but the truth of the matter is, we as a state have not been victorious in this matter. Let us take up the slogan, "On to Victory in Evangelism." Make use of preaching, teaching, personal or any other type of evangelism known.

Convention Program Committee

Many people still seem to be confused as to how our convention program is made up and who is responsible for it. The members are as follows:

One from the State Board — H. Lawrence Porter
One from the College — Dr. Ross J. Griffeth
One from Benevolence — Ray C. Smith
One from the Women's Work — Edna L. Burke
One from the 90 and 9 Men — Edwin P. Dewees
One from the Educational Committee — Dudley Strain
One from the Youth Committee — Rose Mary Naff
One from the Crusade — Kenneth Johnston
One at large — Vernon Kullowatz
Ex officio member — Charles H. Addleman

The committee selects its own chairman, and Dr. Ross J. Griffeth was elected to head the committee this year and Dudley Strain was elected to serve as vice-chairman. The committee is making plans for a great convention June 26 - July 2. This will be our 100th convention and without a doubt will include many interesting features. The state convention should represent a cross-section of the thought and activity of the modern church in the day in which we live. The program of the local church includes preaching, teaching, missions, discussion, fellowship and many other items. A successful convention must include all these items in its program if it is to be of any lasting value to the people who attend. The committee in charge of planning the program are devoting themselves to this task. — C. H. A.

N. C. C. Notes

The current winter term enrollment at Northwest Christian College is 314. Of this number, 172 are men and 142 are women. This is an increase of five men and 3 women over the winter term of last year.

The heating plant at Northwest Christian College has proved to be a splendid investment. In addition to keeping all buildings on the main campus well heated during the coldest of weather, the cost of fuel is lower than with the old heating plant despite the increase in cost of fuel per unit.

John Stone, '42, minister at Canby, appeared on the Northwest Christian College campus a few days ago with a check for $400 to be credited to the Crusade and to be used by N.C.C. for the projected dormitory. This puts Canby among those congregations that have met or exceeded Crusade goals. Thanks, John, and the Canby Christian Church.

According to a recently published article, non-tax supported colleges and universities face huge and serious deficits this year. At least this is true in more than sixty per cent of such institutions. Northwest Christian College will be among this number unless churches and individuals increase their gifts to the general fund which is the bread and butter fund which pays salaries and current running expenses.

Dr. Matthew Spinka, outstanding Church Historian who will be in Eugene in March for a meeting of the Pacific Coast Division of the American Church History Society, will speak at the Northwest Christian College Chapel at 8 A. M., March 7. Dr. Griffeth is to preside at the evening dinner meeting of this society.

Prof. Roger Carstensen, '40, who is now on the faculty of Phillips University as a teaching fellow, is also taking a heavy load of school work as he seeks to secure the B. D. degree. Roger recently won first place in an expository sermon contest for Phillips students. The three finalists appeared in the First Christian Church of Oklahoma City, where Roger took first honors.

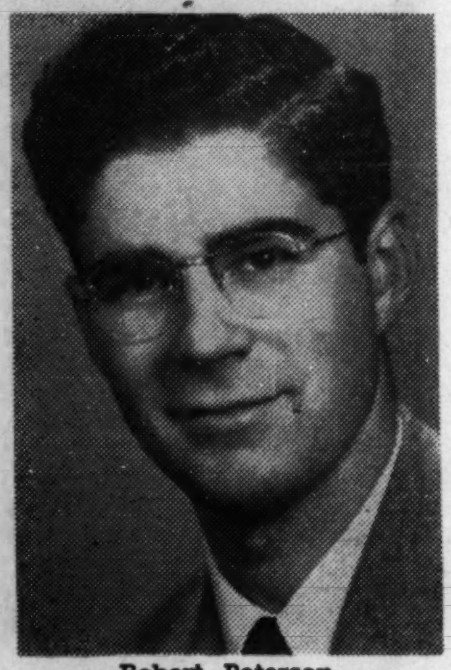
IMPORTANT DATES

Since the Week of Compassion offering is to be shared between World Service and various institutions participating in A Crusade for a Christian World, March 12, climaxing the Week of Compassion activities coupled with the One Great Hour, is highly significant to Northwest Christian College. Your offering may come to N.C.C. and will help, through added facilities, to provide leaders who will be ministers of mercy in many lands and do their part in preventing future disasters. Only the gospel of Christ can heal the real hurt of the world.

On March 26, Northwest Christian College Day is to be observed throughout the Pacific Northwest. N.C.C. students will be in many churches telling of the work at their college. In every possible instance a special offering is to be taken for the current operating fund of the College. This should be over and above budgeted items since the college has never yet received even the minimum necessary to provide adequate facilities and faculty. So far this year gifts received by Northwest Christian College for its General Fund are dangerously lower than anticipated. N.C.C. Day on March 26 should remedy the situation.

Eugene Christian House

The twelve delegates from Christian House who attended the Brotherhood Student Quadrennial have been sharing their experiences. They took charge of N.C.C. chapels for one week, varying the program from day to day. On Sunday. January 22nd, they conducted the evening church service at Eugene First Christian. They have been added as counselors to the Executive Council at Christian House in order to coordinate the new ideas they gleaned from the workshops into the local program. Already a new student budget plan is under way, adapted from the best ideas presented at the Des Moines Conference.



Robert Peterson

Bob Peterson, House president, was elected treasurer of the national Disciples Student Fellowship at the Quadrennial. This makes him one of six members of the executive committee, and the only one from the West Coast. Since he is a student both at NCC and at the University of Oregon, and since his home is in Yakima, Washington, he is truly representative of the Northwest. Bob was also chosen by the city Y.M.C.A. in Eugene as a member of its activities staff. His responsibility will be for the Inter-Church Youth Activities of the Y.M.C.A. of which A. F. Holmer is general secretary.

Our group shared in an ecumenical service of worship just before Christmas when we joined with Wesley Foundation and Westminster House in a candlelight communion. Our participants on the program were Dorothy Gangnath and Gene Johnson. At the present time all groups are working together on Religious Evaluation Week, February 12-17, when Dr. Charles Gilkey will be on the University Campus. The opening feature of the week will be a joint supper of all campus religious groups, Sunday evening prior to the general mass meeting. Sherman Holmes, our last year's president, is president of the all-campus religious council which annually sponsors Religious Evaluation Week.

A one-day snow and ski trip is planned for the near future under the leadership of Ralph Johnson. Ralph was recently elected president of the Eugene Ski organization.

The Eugene group has been feeling a keen sense of loss in the disappearance of the private plane of Ray Hyland en route to California. Ray was one of the most active members of the local Christian House Board, and has done a great deal on renovating the building and planning adequate facilities for the program. His generosity in time and work has been unbounded, and his many contributions to the Eugene House are invaluable.

In the immediate future, we are planning a complete visitation program of calling on all Christian preference students on the University of Oregon campus. A word from home churches ahead of time encouraging students to participate in campus Christian activities would be helpful.

OREGON STUDENTS ATTEND QUADRENNIAL

Why not invite a student group to share in your church service, your missionary meeting, your worker's conference, or to attend your rallies and conventions? Our church affiliated students have much to share with home churches, and our Des Moines Quadrennial delegates have a stirring message based on their participation in this new Brotherhood venture. Don't miss hearing it.

BELLE ROSE BROWN

Belle Rose Brown (Mrs. E. C. Brown) of the Hillsboro church, passed away on January 19th. She had been a member of the Hillsboro congregation most of the time since she took up residence there in 1892. She had been active as Sunday School teacher and as member and officer of the women's organizations until recent months. She had also been a member of the state women's board for several years.

Mrs. Brown is survived by her husband, Ernest Clark Brown, of the pioneer Washington County family, and by two daughters: Ernestine (Mrs. Roy L. Davidson) of Forest Grove, and Dulcina (Mrs. Clarence H. Elliott) of Eugene.

Dulcina Elliott

Corvallis Christian House

There are 300 Christian Church preference students at Oregon State College this year. About 75 of these are directly being reached by our Christian House, the center for Christian Church students on campus. Many who are not of our church preference are also finding fellowship and inspiration through the House program. Some 30 of the active students are affiliate members of the Corvallis Christian Church, and over 35 have made pledges to the support of the Church and the House.

The activities at Christian House are completely administered by students. The executive council consists of: President Ernest Hodson, Roseburg: Vice-president, Emsley Rogers, Hermiston; Secretary, Lee Gerold, Corvallis; Treasurer, Darrell Wheeler, Springfield. In addition, the following are chairmen of the program, worship, service, membership and Christian living, publicity and social committees respectively: Beverly Larch, Corvallis; Gloria Williamson, Albany; Bill Sawyer, Mulino; Hazel Jones, Newberg; Earl Switzer, Molalla; Gale Staley, Newberg. An election of officers will take place in March. The committee chairmen rotate at the close of spring and fall terms.

The students this year have filled and sent five mercy bags of clothing to Europe, and have dispatched one deputation team to Alsea to organize a Christian youth group. Service projects now underway are: a goat or a heifer for overseas, free baby sitting

William R. Terbeek

Ernest Hodson

for the young marrieds of the Church, and redecoration of Christian House basement for additional meeting room space and lounge-library facilities. Since the first of the year, a Bible discussion group, spiritual cell groups, and a weekly supper have been added to the full activities program at Christian house.

On February 5, the students will be entirely responsible for the morning worship service at the Corvallis Christian Church. On February 12, several students who attended the Christian Student Conference at Drake University will present a conference summary to the Phi Zeta Christo, the college age group of the First Church in Salem. The members of the student fellowship at Christian House will be hosts for the all campus World Student Day of Prayer service and breakfast to be held February 19. Also on February 12, the group in Corvallis will unite with the Lutheran students to hear Professor William Siefke of Northwest Christian College. William R. Terbeek is the full time director of religious activities at Christian House.

State Missions And The College

Willard M. Wickizer recently stated that 54% of our churches have only part-time or no preaching. The picture in Oregon is quite different for nearly every church has preaching every Lord's Day. The reason our picture is different is because of Northwest Christian College, for one third of the churches in the state are served by the faculty and students. If the college should close its doors with the end of this school year, think of the number of our churches that would be without a pastor. Likely within five years many would be closed. This makes a very close relationship between the college and state missions. The college depends upon the churches of the state for support to keep its doors open and at the same time state missions depend on the college to furnish leadership to keep the church doors open. The college is needing more preaching points for their students and it is up to the churches through their support of state missions to provide these churches. There are many areas in reach of Eugene where we can enter and establish a new church for the State of Oregon is increasing in population. We need to sit down and build a long range program, and then carry it through to victory. Our new Finance Committee and Evangelistic Committee have such plans in mind. It is up to the churches to follow their leadership. —C. H. A.

Heralds Of Christ

Our hats off to Dallas and **Leeanna** Meserve! Neither snow nor sub-zero temperatures nor car wrecks can stop this couple from continuing their gospel ministry. After a promising start at Odell the blitz-blizzard of Friday the 13th all but buried them, their trailer, and the revival. With roads blocked they completed their stay in the Hood River Valley until after the 22nd and then had to drive out via the Wapinitia Pass. In the process their "faithful flivver" was the victim of a wreck (details not known) and has probably completed its course. After a short stay in Portland they headed back to Athena via train and began there on January 29 in 25 below zero weather.

Dallas writes, "I do believe the Lord will bless us here. The people are praying and despite the short service (Jan. 29, A. M.) we had two confessions." Arrangements have been made to conclude the Athena meeting on February 14 in order to hold a short revival at Nyssa immediately following. Remember these faithful "Heralds of Christ" with prayer and with financial support (thru the Ninety and Nine Men). —E. P. D.

Turner Home Workers Accept Call

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Gilstrap, who were largely instrumental in the organizing of Turner Memorial Home for the aged, and who served for 16 years as superintendent and promotional secretary, have resigned to accept a call to minister with the church in Fowler, California.

The Board of Trustees of the home held its Annual Meeting, Monday, January 9th, at which time Mr. Gilstrap's resignation was accepted. In accepting the resignation, the board caused to be placed in the minutes a unanimous expression of appreciation of the foresight, tireless effort and sacrificial service rendered by Brother and Sister Gilstrap.

Trustees Dean Schomaker, Wm. F. Morse, Elery Parrish and George Kaseberg were re-elected, and the board organized with Dean Schomaker, President, Wm. F. Morse, Vice-President and Elery Parrish, Secretary. A Trustee to take Brother Gilstrap's place had not yet been elected. —J. F. C.

Yakima Indian Mission

Mrs. Leona Harleman, who formerly lived in Forest Grove, now serving as boys' matron and director of religious education at Yakima Indian Christian at White Swan, Washington, met some time last fall a very fine Negro lady who is director of religious education of the African Methodist Church in Yakima, Washington. Out of that meeting an outstanding event in the history of the Mission developed. Late in the fall the Yakima Mission was host to 30 young people from the Negro church — some intermediates, some older. Both the Indian young people and their guests enjoyed themselves. The guests presented the evening chapel services which featured the children's choir. The group included the 30 Negroes, 30 Indians and 5 White people. This was a real venture in bringing about better racial understanding.

SWEET HOME

Two adults, husband and wife, were added by confession and baptism, when Guy Armstrong of Glendale, Oregon, supplied here on January 29, 1950.

Kenneth Hendricks Returns

Kenneth Hendricks, missionary to Japan under the United Christian Missionary Society, left Seattle by plane January 26 to return to his work in Tokyo. Mrs. Hendricks accompanied him to Seattle. She is remaining in this country for an undetermined period to contact churches in Oregon, South Idaho and California. She will be the missionary speaker for the South Idaho convention in Pocatello, May 2-4. The Hendricks, the Hal Shorrocks and all other Christian workers in Japan tell us that Japan is pleading for more Christian missionaries as her people show their eagerness to learn the way of Christian living.

Rally Notices

Yamhill District rally postponed from January 16, will be held at Willamina on March 20.

McKenzie District men will meet at Creswell on February 19 (Sunday) beginning at 3:00 p. m. for a program that will be different and that sounds interesting. Medford Jones will be guest speaker.

Coos County church convention at Coquille on January. Regular Ninety and Nine district business meeting as part of convention, in evening.

Mid-Columbia district convention at the Valley Christian Church, February 26 (tentative) with Ninety and Nine business session included.

Roseburg Ninety and Nine meeting on February 27, men from other Douglas County churches invited to share in dinner and program.— E. P. D.

E. P. DEWEES, STATE 90 & 9 FIELD SCERETARY

Forest Grove

Despite the coldest weather in sixty years, First Christian Church, Forest Grove, has had twenty-one additions, twelve by baptism, during the month of January. The church has recently purchased carpeting for the chancel, foyer and aisles. This adds greatly to the atmosphere of worship. During the month, our church helped entertain the convention of the Oregon Council of Churches. We are now preparing for a visitation Evangelism campaign in February led by Leland Earls of the Multnomah Church as guest leader. The fellowship committee of our church has organized a calling club, which is proving very effective. The members, who are at present, husband and wife, meet at the church every other Friday evening for a sack lunch. Following the lunch, names of prospective members, new-comers, or sick are handed out to each couple. These calls are reported upon at the next meeting. Our increased attendance and interest in the church is already evident. J. D. Harden begins his fourth year as minister.

LOTTIE MAE ROBINSON

Lottie Mae Robinson, the wife of Elmo Robinson passed away in Portland on January 19, 1950. She was born in Corvallis and she and her husband served the Rodney Avenue Church in Portland, which later merged with the Woodlawn church, to become the Mallory Avenue church. Mr. Robinson is now the minister of a Church of God in Northeast Portland.

Christianity In China

Dr. Luther Shoa, administrative secretary of the Christian churches of China writes encouraging news from all the stations in China and also of the challenge that comes to Christianity with the new regime in power in China. "In Hofei the hospital is carrying on remarkably well under the Chinese committee of six. Many soldiers of the liberation army come for treatment. Hofei community has a good impression of our hospital. This point of contact has given us a way of approach to the government authorities on other matters relating to the church and school.

"In Chuhsein, Mr. and Mrs. Goulter are working hard with the Kiangsu Anhwei Christian Rural Union. On account of the practical nature of the work done by the Rural Union, they have a cordial relationship with the Communist authorities. The Goulters and George Cherryhomes are working with some of the Chinese leaders in the Chuhsein church. It is thriving in quality and quantity; the church is well attended. Ample testimony is given to the quality of Dr. Shao's faith by these words: 'We know so well that we are going to face practical difficulties and even persecution in the days to come—. This is an unprecedented opportunity in the Christian history of China when Christianity and the Church will be under the real baptism of fire. We are experimenting with how Christianity and the Church will survive and thrive under a Communist China. Remember us in your prayers. God bless you all' ".

Youth Committee

With a vision of the youth of Oregon before us, the State Youth Committee is hard at work completing plans for the second annual Youth Planning Commission to be held at the First Christian Church in Eugene, March 31 and April 1.

"Opening Doors to God" is the theme chosen this year and the commissions will cover the entire youth program of the church. We are praying that a strong brotherhood youth organization may be set up at this time which will strengthen our Christian Churches throughout the years.

Rose Mary Naff, Chairman

The doors to be opened are:

"Door of At-one-ment" — Worship
"Door of Macedonia" — Service
"Door of Committment" — Enlistment
"Door of Knowledge" — Study
"Door of Re-Creation" — Recreation
"Door of Guidance" — Adult advisors

The members of the State Youth Committee are Bill Pifer, Pres. of Turner Conference; Ruth Newton, Pres. of Bridge Conference; Mitzi Asai, Pres. of Cove Conference; Joan Daniels, Donna Plymale, and Donald Payne, members at large; Charles Addleman, and Edna Burke, ex-officio; and Rose Mary Naff, chairman.

Now it's your turn. Choose two outstanding youth from each of your youth groups — Jr. High, High School, Young People — and send them on their way to "Opening Doors to God." Tuck in $3.00 for each of them and this will include registration, meals, and a place to stay.

Sjodins Stay On

Mrs. Neilan Dodson, forwarding agent for Rolland and Gladys Sjodin, writes that these missionaries are still in Kweiyang, Kweichow, China. The "People's Army" (Communist) took over on November 11, last. Only a short time ago, Mrs. Dodson received a letter written by the Sjodins on November 23, stating that they were being well treated. Soldiers have visited them several times, and have been nice and polite. The Bible classes have suffered some from the fact that some of the Chinese are afraid to be associated with the Americans, because our government has not recognized the Communist government. Mrs. Dodson writes that "They are in need of additional financial support. We are still continuing to make monthly payments on the loan for the property purchased." —J. F. C.

1940 JUST REMINISCING 1950

This article is reprinted from the Bulletin sent out by the Micks on their 10th Anniversary as ministers to the Albany Church.

1940 January 4th the Micks arrived in Albany — new court house completed but not yet occupied — there was no church office, typewriter, or mimeograph machine — Church in debt $288.00 but a balance of $9.88 in the Bible School treasury — Received for current expense $4934.00 — Missionary Society gave $ 468.00 — a Junior Church was organized with Ruth Harmon of N.C.C. as director.

1941 Church budget was $4,640.00 — The present church office was provided — the parsonage kitchen was remodeled — giving increased $670.00, we believe as a result of the treasurer box system — December 7th! Pearl Harbor.

1942 Dr. P. H. Sukhnandan spent a week with us to help raise our part of Emergency Million — Ivan Correll called as assistant pastor.

1943 Goldia Ferguson begins Bible training in public schools — Day Room furnished at Camp Adair — Christian Service Center started by the churches.

1944 Purchased our first address system — Orville in a meeting at Wallowa, and a meeting in July with Albers and House — Corrells left.

1945 Voted to furnish a room in new N.C.C. dorm — A meeting with White and Snyder — Dudley Strain here for a week — State Lab. School held here.

1946 Holly Jarvis with us for a weeks rally — The second Lab. School — Orville to New York for summer school — Duane to Sr. High, Glen to Willamette.

1947 Dr. Griffeth with Truman and Virginia Robbins held a pre-Easter meeting — Micks thrilled with silver service and love which promoted gifts.

1948 Mr. Mick held a pre-Easter meeting — Entertained the state C. E. Convention — Parsonage basement room finished for High School Department.

1949 Dr. Griffeth with us again in a short meeting — Budget accepted for this year is $16,000.00 which includes $4,000.00 for the Crusade — Now something over $21,000.00 in the Building Fund — Glen brings home a wife — Duane leaves for college — November found Orville "up in the air" on his way to attend the Centennial International Convention in Cincinnati, Ohio a gift from the church Elders.

During the last ten years four hundred and fifty have answered the invitation; three hundred and eighty funerals were preached; two hundred and seventy nine couples were married; — This church has a fine record of giving to others, some years almost 50% — May God continue to lead us, and may we together do much for His Kingdom and Glory.

Medford

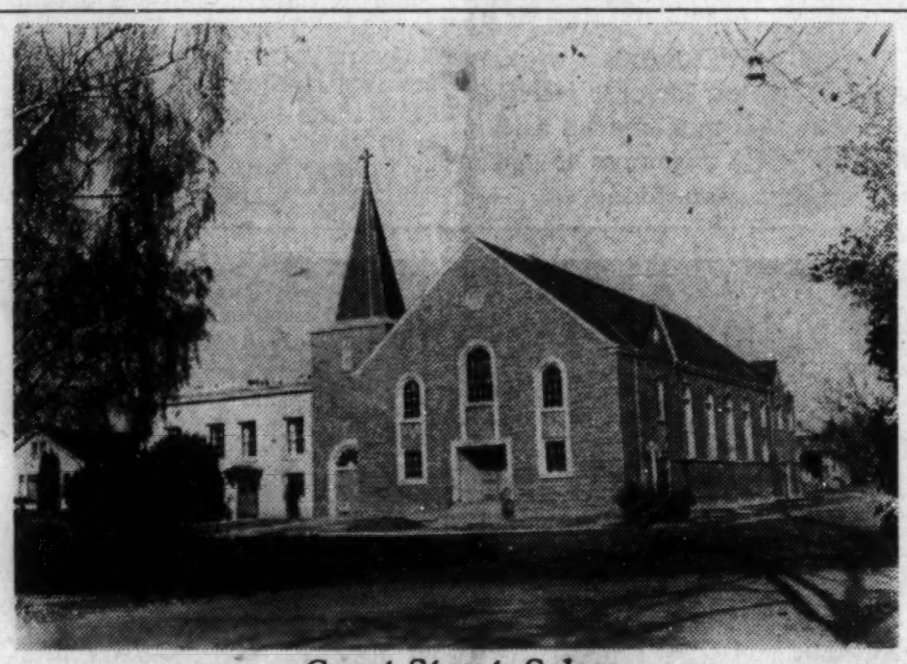
Our church at Medford has one addition by confession on January 22, one by transfer on January 29. They have just completed a new parsonage which will be available for occupancy the middle of February. Entertained the Southern Oregon Ninety-and-Nine Men's Convention on the evening of January 30. The youth of the congregation observed National Youth Week with the young people of other churches participating. Holly Roy Jarvis, Pastor.

Junction City

We are planning a great evangelistic meeting with the Meserves, beginning March 26 and lasting through April 16. We are looking forward to a great meeting and we are working now in preparation for it. Since we began our work here the first Sunday in June, the Sunday school attendance has grown considerably and the Church interest is growing. There have been eleven responses to the invitation, three transfers of membership and eight confessions and baptisms. Phil Ryan, minister.

La Grande

Teams of church members are carrying on a "Friendly Visitation" campaign. Every member of the church will be visited. They began about the middle of January and will end in February. The La Grande church will begin the new building as soon as the weather permits this spring. Plans, which we feel are very workable, were drawn up by A. F. Wicks. Attendance in our church services, is holding up very well in spite of the very bad weather we are having. Gene Robinson, minister.



Court Street, Salem

Construction was begun on the new $70,000 addition to the Court Street Church last June. The new unit will house the sanctuary which seats 450, kitchen and dining room facilities and the church offices. The interior is now ready to be plastered. The Court Street congregation hope to occupy the new structure sometime this year and fulfill a 25 year old dream.

50TH ANNIVERSARY

On January 29 the church at Wallowa honored their pastor, O. W. Jones, by celebrating the 50th anniversary of his ordination to the ministry with an all-day service and church dinner. At the morning hour C. F. Swander brought the message. At the dinner hour words and letters of appreciation and congratulations were brought. At the afternoon service Gene Robinson pastor of the church at La Grande, brought an appropriate message. The church gave Brother Jones a handsome base rocker chair as a token of their appreciation. He has been with this church for seven years and is well loved by the whole community. Brother Jones has been in Oregon since 1921, having served churches at La-Grande, Montavilla, Bend, Turner, Redmond, Kent and Wallowa. The work has developed in numbers and spiritual life.

Gladstone

Three additions by statement. Evening services are better attended than a year ago at this time. Looking forward to a two weeks meeting at Easter with Tan-Ditters preceded by a two weeks home visitation campaign conducted by Charles Addleman, state secretary. W. R. Hensley, minister.

Redmond

We were very sorry to hear that two of the elders from the Redmond Church had passed away last year, Brother Eaton in January, and Brother Foss in November. However, the church is going ahead. They have had 57 additions to the church since the Herbisons went there in August 1948. They have recently completed a new $15,000 parsonage. O. Wendell Herbison, minister.

"We Were As Grasshoppers"

E. W. Blehm, vice-president of the Willamette Area and president of the Southern Willamette District of the Ninety and Nine Men, accompanied the writer to the annual meeting of the Laymen's Advisory Commission held in Indianapolis on January 7 and 8. The trip was made by plane in the interval between blizzards and proved very interesting. However, it was a bit disconcerting to come upon a young man 7ft. 9 in. in stature in the corridors of the Chicago air port. Brother Blehm, a man of no mean stature himself, walked near this gentleman and found a new appreciation for the experience of the twelve spies in the land of Canaan.

Encouraging reports came from men of many states concerning the growing interest of Christian men in personal evangelism and in the undergirding of the total program of the church. Objectives stressed for 1950 included further training and emphasis on visitation evangelism by men and upon total stewardship of time, talent, and money. Some fine personal testimonies were given by a number of the delegates and "E. W." upheld the work of Oregon men in a very able manner. A change in the meeting time of the Commission was adopted and the 1950-51 gathering will be held in late July or early August of this year at some appropriate camp ground in the middle states. —E. P. D.

Turner

Clyde Freeman, Stayton, held a two weeks meeting for us. There were eight reconsecrations, two confessions, one baptism, and one to be baptized in the open stream later. There was a good spirit throughout the meeting. The attendance was not large, due to the snow. Gilbert Carey, minister.

Ontario

Ontario has just closed an exceptionally fine series of Evangelistic meetings under the leadership of Evangelist Medford Jones and Miss Dorothy Keister. On the stormiest night, we had a splendid attendance and 7 responses. Not only the church members, but the towns people all speak of the fine meetings we had. Miss Keister had as high as 85 boys and girls after school in the Booster group, held special training classes for Bible School teachers and parents, all most graciously appreciated. Also, her art work illustrating Bible teachings, and her enthusiastic song leading went over big. Brother Jones gave straightforward Gospel teaching and preaching sermons, appealing especially to the mature minds, resulting in increased attendance as the meetings continued. The church was unanimous in asking for a return meeting. Attendance was never less than 125 and on the first Saturday night, with stormy weather, the highest was 241, which we feel is exceptionally good for a church our size. Visible results were several whole families united in Christ, 23 being baptized during the meetings, several yet to be at the first opportunity; five by transfer, 5 young people dedicating to full-time service, at least two men decided definitely to enter NCC this fall preparatory for the ministry, others rededicating lives, still others plan to come into the church. We are a happy thankful people as a result of this great fellowship and we believe this team is worthy of entering the largest churches in our state, as they offer a constructive program. We also have a new electric organ, a gift from 5 families in the church. E. J. Helseth, pastor.

Mallory Avenue

A basketball game with Englewood church started a week of Youth festivities at Mallory Ave. Portland. After the game, the two teams sponsored a feast for all the spectators. Incidentally, Mallory won the game. On Friday evening, a missionary banquet was held to which all youth of the Christian churches of Portland were invited. The banquet hall was festively decorated in oriental style and the guest speaker, a student at Reed College, was Mitzi Fakawa. On Sunday morning, the youth took over the entire Sunday School, teaching all classes from the Primary department through the Adult. The pastor Hubert Sias, brought the morning message, "God Designs — Youth Builds". The entire evening service was conducted by the youth, with two of the young men preaching the evening sermon.

Salem First

The Salem First Christian Church celebrated Youth Week with a very different trend. The evening church service on Sunday, February 5, was given over to a "Trial of Christian Youth," with Judge Rex Kimmel of the Marion County Circuit Court presiding. Four charges were brought against youth — failure to know the Scriptures, failure to choose vocations which will render service to men and to God, choice of a false standard of values, failure to hold Christian convictions. Photographers from both of the city newspapers were on hand to catch photos of those testifying in the trial. During the morning, a united Sunday School class was held for all youth. At 3 p. m. the Christian Youth of Salem met at the Methodist church for a united fellowship meeting with Dean Robert Gregg as speaker.